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**Brevard County Man Sentenced to Seven Years in Federal Prison  
for Purchasing Box of Ammunition**

Orlando, Florida - U.S. District Judge Anne C. Conway today sentenced JOSEPH LAMAR JACKSON, 27, of Coca, to seven years' imprisonment for the federal crime of Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person (Convicted Felon). In addition to the prison sentence, JACKSON must serve a term of three years' supervised release and pay a special assessment of \$100.

JACKSON was found guilty on February 24, 2005 after entering a plea to the single-count indictment. According to court documents, the Cocoa Police Department began an investigation of a suspicious sale of ammunition at a local Wal-Mart on June 17, 2004. Detectives obtained surveillance tapes and a copy of the sales receipt for the ammunition, eventually identifying the purchaser as JACKSON. When confronted by authorities, JACKSON subsequently surrendered the fifty-round box of .357 caliber ammunition. JACKSON, a previously convicted felon, is prohibited from possessing either firearms or ammunition under federal law.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the Brevard/Seminole County State Attorney's Office, Cocoa Police Department and by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). This is another case prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice Program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from ATF. United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and ammunition and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr., and Special Assistant United States Attorney Greg Konieczka.